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Applicant: Steven F. FABIJANSKI *et al.*  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Communication mailed July 25, 2002, in the above-referenced patent application. A reply is due December 25, 2002, by virtue of the attached Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the required fees. Although Applicants believe the amount of the attached check is correct, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Prior to reconsideration, Applicants request that the Office enter the following amendments:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claim ~~1~~, 3-7, and 9-~~12~~, without prejudice or disclaimer, to the subject matter contained therein and amend the following claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute claims 13-16 with the following rewritten version of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."